

**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**  
**HB 2469 – SB 3219**

May 16, 2008

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017980):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause and revises the law governing the confidentiality of Department of Children's Services's (DCS) records and establishes guidelines for the release of these records. Requires DCS disclose records and information to a member of the General Assembly and establishes guidelines for the release of records and information. Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense to knowingly disclose or knowingly cause to disclose the confidential information.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant**

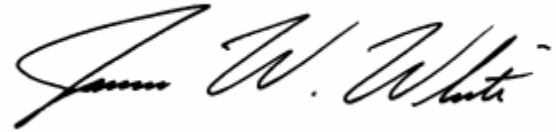
**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- All records released by DCS that have information identifying a child or family receiving services are to remain confidential.
- Any cost for providing records will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

/kml